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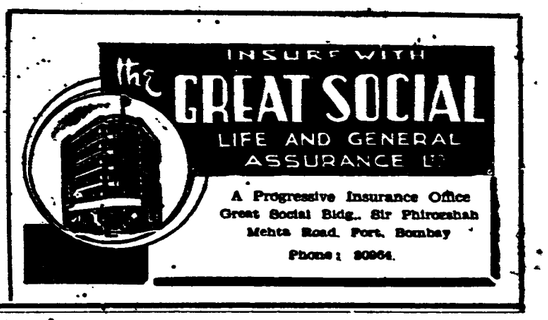

LABOUR TOES THE LINE

Bevin Defends Churchill's Deal To Greece

SAYS BRITISH EMPIRE CANNOT ABANDON ITS POSITION IN MEDITERRANEAN

"The decisions taken in Greece are the decisions of the War Cabinet. I say boldly that I am a party to the decisions", said Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, speaking on the Executive's resolution on Greece at the Labour Party Conference on Wednesday.

Continuing, Mr. Bevin said "The British Empire cannot abandon its position in the Mediterranean."

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, newly elected member of the Executive said: "Our (Labour) representatives inside Government should exercise a more decisive influence on the conduct of our affairs and leave the Tories to do their own dirty work."

Milder Resolution

LONDON, Dec. 13: Feelings ran high when the Labour Party Conference to-day discussed the policy on Greece.

Interruptions began as soon as the Standing Orders Committee announced the methods which would be adopted to deal with the dozens of resolutions which had been sent in, and continued throughout the debate.

The Executive after long discussions had decided to put forward a milder resolution than that demanded by some of the Trade Unions and the Chairman, Prof. Harold Laski, declared that only this resolution would be discussed. Those who objected, he said, could vote against it. Here there were interruptions and cries of 'No' but the Chairman's ruling prevailed.

The Executive's attitude was expressed by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who, in moving the resolution, said: "Delegates may turn this debate into a chastisement of Mr. Churchill. I would prefer it to be kept on the level of an attempt to champion the cause of the Greek people and their future."

RAILWAYMEN'S SUPPORT

The first criticism came from Mr. J. Benstead, General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, —one of the Unions which had urged more outspoken protest—when he said: "My union cannot oppose this resolution. But we feel our movement should express itself more definitely upon this and other matters."

The Conference accepted the Executive's resolution by an overwhelming majority. The vote was 2,455,000 against 137,000.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION.

The text of resolution put before the Conference read: "This Conference deeply regrets the tragic situation which has arisen in Greece and calls upon the British Government most urgently to take all necessary steps to facilitate an armistice without delay and to secure resumption of conversations between all sections of the people, who have resisted the Fascist and Nazi invaders with a view to the establishment of a provisional National Government which would proceed to a free and fair general election as soon as practicable in order that the will of the Greek people may be expressed. This Conference looks forward to the establishment of a strong democratic system which will bring peace, happiness and reconciliation to our generous and heroic Greek allies."

BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Moving the resolution, Mr. Greenwood described the present situation as 'horrifying, appalling and dangerous.'. Military measures will never settle the problem. It is a problem for statesmanship and the responsibility ought now to lie on the shoulders of the British Government."

MORE INTERRUPTIONS.

Mr. Fred Marshal, seconding the resolution, was interrupted with derisive laughter and shouts of 'question' when he described the Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden's speech in Parliament as reasoned and circumstantial. Mr. Marshal then said: "Overwhelming majority of the Greek people do not want this fight. They are not interested in it and all they want is food, shelter and work".

Here there were loud cries of dissent from delegates and shouts of 'freedom'.

One of the most important contributions came from the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who spoke as one of Labour's nominees in the War Cabinet. He said the decisions taken in Greece were decisions of the War Cabinet. "I took part with my Labour colleagues in the whole of these discussions over nearly four years. I say boldly I am party to the decisions. I cannot bring it to my conscience any one of the decisions was wrong."

He added: "In view of what happened in Greece, personally I shall reconsider my position in the Cabinet as to the first steps that shall be taken when we enter other people's territory." He never expected ELAS to go back on their agreement, but Government had not abandoned the plan for dealing with elections, black market and industry as the result of what had happened. They were ready the moment guns were put away to establish a broad Government not necessary under the present Prime Minister.

"The British Empire cannot abandon its position in the Mediterranean", Mr. Bevin concluded.

Prolonged applause greeted Mr. Aneurin Bevan, newly elected member of the Executive, when he said: "It would be deplorable if the unanimous carrying of this resolution was regarded by the world as endorsement of Mr. Bevin's speech. One complete answer to Mr. Bevin is that only three bodies of public opinion in the world would have gone on record in his support—Fascist Spain, Fascist Portugal and the majority of Tories in the House of Commons. Mr. Bevin's description of the situation in Greece is garbled and inaccurate where it is not unveracious."

"LEAVE TORIES TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK"

Thunderous applause greeted Mr. Bevan when he said: "This Conference should go on record condemning the action of the Government and insisting that our representatives inside Government should exercise a more decisive influence on the conduct of our affairs and leave the Tories to do their own dirty work."

An uproar followed when member of Parliament, Dr. Haden Guest, tried to raise a point of order saying the Chairman was being 'entirely unfair' to delegates.

The Chairman twice refused to hear the point saying in fact Mr. Guest wanted to raise a point of substance.

Another delegate then asked the Standing Orders Committee to consider extending the range of the resolution and discussion.

The Chairman said he could not allow it.

MORE UPROAR

Uproar followed and a delegate moved suspension of the Standing Orders. Delegates were shouting all over the hall.

The Chairman refused the motion and called on Mr. Griffiths to reply for the Executive, but it was several minutes before the latter could get a hearing. Mr. Griffiths said most speakers did not want to break up the National Government on this issue, and a vote of no-confidence in Government would be an indication to their colleagues to leave the Government forthwith.

The Executive's resolution was carried by a huge majority.

SENSATIONAL TURN

A sensational turn was given to the end of the great debate on the Greek crisis at the Labour Party Conference today.

Mr. James Griffiths, Miners' leader front bencher in Parliament and spokesman for the Executives, in reply to the debate gave assurances of Labour's policy which were in direct conflict with the views expressed by Mr. Ernest Bevin, when defending his action as Labour representative in the War Cabinet.

The immediate effect of this statement by Mr. Griffiths is likely to affect the instructions sent by the Cabinet to the special envoy to Greece, Mr. Harld MacMillan, and those to Field Marshal Alexander now responsible for the military policy of Gen. Scobie in Athens. For, the Labour Ministers are committed to the points enumerated by the final speaker on behalf of the Executive.

ARMISTICE WITH ELAS

Mr. Griffiths assured the conference that Labours support to the Government policy in Greece would be given if these points were assured: "We want armistice with ELAS, not unconditional surrender. This means an agreement between the parties concerned, not an ultimatum. Labour will insist upon a representative government and no Government which excludes EAM can be representative."

He suggested that contrary to Mr. Churchill's view this Government would have to be formed under a Prime Minister acceptable to all. That clearly ruled out M. Papandreou. He also assured the conference that Labour would insist on the disarming of the Security Police and the two Greek formations now under British command and being used against ELAS—the Mountain Brigade and the Sacred Battalion.

CRISIS FOR CHURCHILL GOVT. NOT YET OVER

It was only after the conference heard these far-reaching concessions that it accepted the moderately phrased resolution. These concessions ar in fact virtually the original demands made by EAM before their resignation. The presence of the Government's chief critic, Mr. Bevan, on the Executive gave the delegates the feeling that they had guarantees that these undertaking would be carried out.

The vote for the resolution did not mean an endorsement of the present policy of the Labour Ministers in the Cabinet.

Mr. Earnest Bevin's speech on behalf of the Cabinet was much more quiet and deliberate than usual. He had the speech typed and followed it closely.

It is believed that a special meeting of the new Executive will be held within a few days at which the action to be taken by the Labour Ministers will be discussed in detail.

Until after this meeting the crisis of the Churchill Government cannot be said to have been resolved, It will depend on how Mr. Churchill will reaction to the requests of his Labour colleagues for a revision of Greek policy.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH).

New York, Dec. 13.

Previous Closing	21.93
To-day's Opening	21.95
Difference	+2
To-day's Closing	21.94
Difference	+01

POST-WAR PLANS FOR INDIAN STATES

Amery On Resignation Of Princes' Chamber Executive

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Mr. Amery today made a statement in the Commons regarding the representations made by the Chamber of Princes to the Viceroy concerning future developments of their territories.

Replying to a question by Sir Ralph Glyn (Conservative), Mr. Amery said: "In September last a small deputation of Princes led by the Chancellor of the Chamber was received by the Crown Representative. The matters discussed covered a wide field. A further reply was sent on December 2 on behalf of the Crown Representative to the points raised by the deputation. On December 3, just before the date fixed for the session of the Chamber of Princes, the Chancellor informed Lord Wavell that he, the Pro-Chancellor and 19 members of the Standing Committee had resigned their offices and membership of the Committee. No question arises of the Crown Representative accepting or not accepting these resignations since appointments connected with the Chamber of Princes are made not by him but by the Chamber itself; but they inevitably caused postponment of the session of the Chamber.

"The Princes have made no statement indicating what particular issue or issues led them to resign. Until the situation is clear I should not like to express opinion on this point.

"NOTHING NEW"

"I would emphasise, however, that the reply to the Princes to which I have alluded contained nothing new in principle or policy".

"I am glad to be able to tell the House the Viceroy has received an assurance from the Princes concerned that their resignation will not affect their determination to do their utmost to help in the prosecution of the war.

"On the question of future development of Indian States, to which Sir Ralph Glyn has referred, I may add that discussions on this subject and its relation to post-war development in British India were initiated with representatives of Princes in October last.

"These discussions are at the preliminary stage only and the reply to the Princes' deputation which I have mentioned merely referred to the discussions and to the importance of the question. The Government of India are aware of the necessity for so shaping their post-war development plans that benefits will as far as possible accrue to the whole country and not to British India only."

B. B. & C. I. STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK TODAY

BOMBAY, Dec. 13: At a meeting of the workers of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, who have been on strike, it was decided to call off the strike and esume work from to-morrow.—A. P.

BOMBS IN MIKADO'S PALACE GROUNDS

MELBOURNE, Dec. 13: Bombs have fallen in the Japanese Imperial Palace grounds in Tokyo damaging the manor, according to a Tokyo home broadcast picked up here.

LONDON: The precincts of the Japanese Imperial Palace in which according to the Japanese radio broadcast have fallen consist of the inner enclosure and outer gardens, the inner enclosure being jealously guarded against intrusion by unauthorised persons. The Palace itself is a labyrinthine collection of temple-like buildings.

Lucknow Hurdle For Congressmen

LUCKNOW, Dec. 13.

It is understood that owing to the operation of Sec. 56 of the Defence of India Rules in the City of Lucknow, a representative Congress Assembly of the Lucknow District could not be formed. Sec. 56 requires previous permission of the authorities to hold meetings.

Congress circles point out that while it is not difficult to get permission, Congressmen "feel that it is derogatory to their self-respect to allow C. I. D. reporters to be present at their private meetings."

It may be recalled that the Executive Committee of the Representative Assembly of U. P. Congressmen has directed that committees should be formed before December 15.—United Press.

U. S. AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13: President Roosevelt has announced the resignation of Mr. Carlton Hayes as United States Ambassador in Spain and the nomination of Mr. Norman Armour as successor.

Mr. Armour was formerly Ambassador in Argentina.—Reuter.

LORDS BLESS GOVERNOR'S REGIME IN ORISSA

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The House of Lords to-day agreed without division to a motion by Earl Listowel, Under-Secretary for India, approving of the continuance in force of the proclamation issued under Sec. 93 of the Government of India Act 1935 by the Governor of Orissa on June 30, 1944.

FARM TRAINING TO TANGANYIKA INDIANS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Tanganyika Government has announced a small experimental scheme to provide agricultural training for 16 Indian pupils a year in a two-year course at Morogoro, the Colonial Secretary Mr. Stanley stated this in the House of Commons to-day.—Reuter.

Coconuts As Hand-Grenades

Jap 'Secret Weapon' For Jungle Warfare

KALEWA, Dec. 12.

The Japanese are now using exploding coconuts in jungle warfare as mines and hand grenades, writes D'Obeirne, A.P.I. War Correspondent. Two large dumps were found in Kalewa and it is reported they have also been used in Leyte. Each consists of a hollowed coconut husk filled with a picric acid detonator fixed on the top which explodes on contact with the Tripwire.

The importance of this weapon is that it is impossible to detect its presence by ordinary metallic detectors, as no metal is used in its construction and the coconut is the commonest article in the jungle. The explosive charge is enough to blow a Jeep's wheel or a man's leg off.

African Patrols Enter Shwegyin

KANDY, Dec. 13.—To-day's SEAC communique states: "CHINDWIN FRONT: A bailey bridge over 1,000 feet long has been built over the Chindwin near Kalewa. It was attacked by five enemy aircraft, of which one was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. East African patrols entered Shwegyin under fire from the enemy in positions east of the village. The Japanese also hold strong positions on a ridge approximately 1,000 yards to the north covering the approaches to Shwegyin.

ARAKAN: Our troops occupied a village 13 miles south of Maungdaw.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Troops of the Chinese 38th Division made some advance in the northern sector."

Shwegyin, which has been entered by East Africans, is a small village on the east bank of the Chindwin, approximately 90 miles below Kalewa on the Yeu Road.

Possession of the important river communication centre of Kathe by troops of the 36th British Division which was confirmed would give Gen. Festing's men more elbow room for future manoeuvres down the railway corridor, writes Rajamani A.P.I. correspondent in North Burma.

Katha was the fourth town to fall to British troops in the past two weeks.

Orissa Governor Visits Bombed Coast

CUTTACK, Dec. 13.—With reference to the report of the slight enemy activity off the coast of Orissa, it is learnt that H.E. the Governor of Orissa paid a visit to the scene and is understood to have expressed himself as entirely satisfied both with the local morale which was excellent and with the action taken by the A.R.P. Staff and the District authorities. As already reported damage and casualties were negligible. There were no fatal casualties nor were any of the few people who received injuries detained in the hospital.—United Press.

U. S. Press On Br. Pacific Fleet

LONDON, Dec. 13.

"American newspaper reaction to the news of the formation of a new British Pacific Fleet under Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser is generally lukewarm", writes the New York correspondent of the "Evening News".

The "New York Herald Tribune" summed up the feeling in its editorial which, while welcoming the formation of a British Pacific fleet, said: "Unfortunately it is not an additional naval power which is required in the Pacific) so much as ground troops, landbased aviation and landing craft to carry them. Until these forces and these transports are available it seems hardly probable that the British Pacific Fleet can achieve any very decisive results along".

British Official circles have been surprised by the United States press attitude. One Official said that he was confident that "the Fleet would prove its worth despite editorials".—United Press.

AMERICAN PLANES OVER TOKIO AND YOKOHAMA

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Japanese News Agency reports that about 40 Super Fortresses bombed Chubu district of Central Japan to-day. The News Agency added that Allied planes appeared over the Tokyo and Yokahoma regions.

WASHINGTON.—The War Department announced that Super Fortresses bombed industrial targets on the Jap island of Honshu to-day. The statement said: "This is another attack on the Japanese mainland by "B-29's" based on Saipan in the mounting aerial drive on the enemy's strategic targets. Details are not available."

JAP. CONVOY HEAVILY BATTERED

From Reuter's special correspondent at General MacArthur's Headquarters, Dec. 13:—

Once again a Japanese convoy off the west coast of Leyte—believed to have been mainly carrying supplies, though troops were spotted aboard—was heavily battered in running air attacks for a period of some 36 hours.

20,000 Civilians Evacuate Tokio

LONDON Dec. 12.

The German Overseas News Agency quoting Tokyo report says several American bombers dropped incendiaries over Tokyo to-day.

The agency announcing new evacuation from Tokyo said that 20,000 people will leave the city to-day. They include aged and sick persons, children and expectant mothers.

SOVIET THREAT TO VIENNA

Nazis Evacuate Military Objectives On Austrian Border

MOSCOW Dec. 13.

From Reuter's special correspondent: Reports reaching Moscow to-day indicated the seriousness with which the German authorities regard the threat to Vienna and the southern regions of the Reich created by Marshal Malinovsky's break through north of Budapest.

The "Red Star" says: "Following on the emergence of the Red Army on the Danube north of the capital the Germans have begun a hurried evacuation of military and industrial objectives from near the frontier areas of Austria"

The heaviest fighting is taking place on the Hatvan-Budapest highway leading into the capital from the north-east, where Soviet artillery is levelling German strong points as Soviet tanks, with demining crews perched on their hulls, roll across the countryside.

Tito-Subasic Agreement

LONDON, Dec. 13: The Yugoslav radio announced that an agreement has been reached between Marshal Tito and Dr. Subasic, Yugoslav Premier, on the formation of a united Provisional Government and elections to the Constituent Assembly.

NAZIS FALLING BACK ON WEST WALL

Allies Swell Towards Karlsruhe

SHAEF, PARIS, Dec. 13: The United States Seventh Army to-day is continuing its advance from Hagenau against rearguard resistance, while the main German body of troops is falling back on the Siegfried line defences for their next round, writes Reuter's special correspondent. The main Hagenau defences have cracked and elements of two divisions have been left to fight the rearguard action. Americans are only five miles from the German frontier at Langensoulzbach. After breaking through Seltz on the east side of Hagenau forest, Allied spearheads swelled forward in the direction of Karlsruhe, 16 miles away. The corridor between the east side of the forest and the Rhine along the Strasbourg-Lauterbourg Road is now being cleared. In some places advance being made parallel to the Maginot line defences instead of as frontal assault.

The French First Army is encountering more trouble from the flooded Thur and Doller river than they are from German resistance.

U. S. THIRD ARMY FRONT: A Siegfried Line stron gpoint. A mile north of Dillingen, has been outflanked and then captured by the Ninth Division of the U. S. Third Army. The 95th Division advanced half a mile to Fraulautern, north-eastern suburb of Saarlautern. North of Saarlautern they have taken fortified houses at Roden and to the east at Endorf.

Counter attacks have been repulsed by the 31st Division holding the German town of Habkirchen just over three miles north-east of Sarreguemines. Other forces re-entered Bliesbruck, five miles east of Sarrguemines.

The German Overseas News Agency war correspondent at Von Rundstedt's Headquarters reports: "German troops operating between Sarreguemines and the Upper Rhine are systematically resisting to the approaches of the West Wall."

Reuter's special correspondent with the Americans at Seltz writes:

German Panzer reinforcements have suddenly swung into the battle line to meet General Patton's troops pushing towards Germany between Saarguemines and Karlsruhe.

The Seventh Army is advancing through mountainous country. German tanks are believed to have moved west from before General Patton's sector to stem the latest threat to the Reich frontier.—Reuter.

Flying Bombs Over Southern England

LONDON, Dec. 13: Between dawn yesterday and seven this morning there has been German activity directed against Southern England causing casualties and damage. Several flying bombs were seen to be brought down over the east coast last night when coastal anti-aircraft batteries were in action. Some were shot down by fighters.

Canadian Bridgeheads Link Up Across Lamone

MEDITERRANEAN A. H. Q., Dec. 13: To-day's "communique" says: South-West of Ravenna, Canadian troops of the Eighth Army established two bridgeheads across the river Lamone against strong opposition. After a day of heavy fighting in which a number of strong enemy counter-attacks were repulsed, these two bridgeheads have joined up. British troops of the Fifth Army have driven off a determined enemy attack against their positions on Monte Carere.

ELAS SCALE WALL OF BRITISH BARRACKS

Battle Of Athens Goes On: Tension In Salonika And Patras Continues

Athens, December 13:—Heavy fighting continued all night accompanied by increased shellings in the Central area. Rebel forces broke into British barracks, where battle is now proceeding.

BATTLE IN BRITISH BARRACKS

From Reuter's Special Correspondent:

Strong ELAS forces scaled a ten-foot wall to carry out a raid on the British barracks early this morning. They are located in a large compound near Athens' eastern suburbs. In the compound British battery of 25-pounder guns are sited. Generally Left-Wingers have been increasingly offensive in the last 24 hours.

News of increased ELAS shelling followed overnight reports that ELAS troops had brought up heavier artillery to the city area and were aiming a good part of their barrage at British Headquarters. ELAS troops failed to take the guns but attacked petrol stores some of which they set on fire. British tanks were called up to support infantry, and ELAS were eventually driven into the north-eastern corner of the compound, where they are at present contained.

Yesterday a Greek mountain brigade held a strong ELAS infantry attack on Goudi barracks, which are situated at the base of the foothills skirting the eastern edge of Athens.

BR. REINFORCEMENTS IN ACTION

To-day's communique from General Scobie's Headquarters in Athens stated: "There is little change in the general situation. The rebels who are continuing their offensive action launched two determined attacks before dawn this morning. The attacks which were directed against the Greek Brigade in the eastern sector and British troops near the city centre were both held. Further reinforcements arrived last night and were in action early this morning. Some progress has been made in Pierraeus.

"R.A.F. in support of ground troops silenced a 75-millimetre gun firing on the centre of the city. In another sortie, a rebel ammunition dump was attacked and hits obtained.

Tension continues in the Saloniks and Patras areas and there is considerable movement of guerilla formations throughout the country."

Three-Power Meeting Over Greece Issue

An early meeting between Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Stettinius and M. Molotov is under consideration.

It is expected that the Foreign Ministers will meet some time in January next as possible prelude to a conference between Mr. Churchill, M. Stalin and President Roosevelt.

The necessity for a meeting is being stressed here in view of the Anglo-American clash on the policy to be pursued in Italy, Belgium and in particular in Greece.

On this question a great deal of controversy is going on between London and Washington.—United Press of India.

Girni Kamgar Union's Statement

Mr. S. G. Patkar, General Secretary, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), in the course of a statement says:

In the last few months, the management of the Jam Mills No. 1 is deliberately trying to provoke the workers to strike. Mass dismissals of workers are among the tactics used by the management in the last few months.

EXPLOSION SHAKES ATHENS

LONDON, Dec. 13: An explosion, which might have been caused by dynamite, shook buildings in the centre of Athens this afternoon, said an American correspondent broadcasting over the Athens radio to-night.

MANAGER & LABOUR OFFICER ASSAULTED

Sequel To Discharge Of Workers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

When some workers of the Jam Mill No. 1 were given notice, they became excited and are reported to have assaulted Mr. S. J. Bose, Manager, and Mr. Gokhale, Labour Officer of the Bombay Millowners' Association on Tuesday.

The manager and the Labour Officer were immediately removed to the hospital.

Yesterday and this morning workers of the mill met at Lal Baug maidan. It was urged that a committee of inquiry should be set up and the speakers asked the workers to remain peaceful.

From enquiries at the mill it appears that recently the management wanted to start night shifts and advertisements were put forth for new workers for the various departments. The old workers demanded the best jobs which would be available in the night shifts. They also demanded the right of recruitment of the new workers. To this the Management did not agree and replied that the recruitment would be made by the Manager personally, entirely on merit and the applications from the old workers would receive due consideration. The workers refused to agree to this proposal and some of them it is stated started assaulting the loyal workers and some departmental heads and assistants.

The Management, then discharged six workers, who were supposed to be behind these assaults. The discharged workers did not accept the discharge passes but are reported to have forced entry into the mill. They continued in this manner for two or three days.

THEY FORCE ENTRY

In the meanwhile, the Millowners' Association deputed Mr. R. G. Gokhale, the Labour Officer of the Association to be present at the Mill Gate and observe the situation personally. On Tuesday, the 12th morning the Mill Agents, Mr. Gokhale, Mr. Bose and the Weaving Master, his assistant and the Labour Officer of the Mill were present at the gate. They asked the discharged workers not to enter the Mill. The workers, it is stated, did not listen to them and collected behind the gate. They were, it is alleged, instructed by their Union officials who were also on the spot and they effected a forced entry.

At about 10 a.m. while the Agents, Mr. Bose and Mr. Gokhale came out of the office to go out, it is stated, they found their cars punctured. The women workers who squatted around would not allow them to go.

Thereupon Mr. Bose and his companions wanted to walk to the road and proceed by some public conveyance. The women workers immediately surrounded them. The male workers then rushed to the spot leaving their departments and heckled the Agents and the Manager with a volley of questions. At that very instant the Mill gates were closed by the workers. Immediately afterwards, according to mill authorities, an assault with brickbats, lathis and other missiles followed in the course of which Mr. Bose and Mr. Gokhale received serious injuries.

POLICE ON SCENE

One of the agents telephoned to the police and informed them about the trouble, who, however, it is alleged, appeared on the spot a quarter of an hour after the incident. Both Mr. Bose and Mr. Gokhale are lying in the K. E. M. Hospital.

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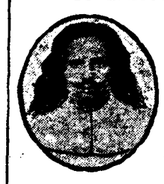

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Gandhiji Selected For Peace Mission!

Amused To See His Role Played On Mahilashram Stage

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 13.

Mahatmaji last night attended a short but interesting drama staged by the Mahilashram lady students for half an hour. He seemed amused also and laughed specially when the actor playing Mahatma Gandhi's part was advocating establishing world peace by non-violence as his special mission. It was God Indra's Sabha (parliament) summoned for selecting the proper person for a plan when there was violence, bloodshed etc. on the earth. President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill, Tojo, Hitler Mussolini as actors explained how they were right in their mission before parliament. Later Narad Muni appears on the scene and suggests that Mahatma Gandhi may be heard. Whereafter being summoned, he enters to explain his views which, being appreciated by Indra Sabha, Gandhiji is selected as the fit person for the peace mission by trying Rakshabandhan to his right hand by Indrain (Indra's wife) and thus the drama concludes amidst applause from gods, sages, ascetics, and councillors in the Indra Sabha.—A. P.

PUBLICATION OF HARIJAN

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 13.

Publication of books in Navjivan Press has been allowed by the Government. According to some reports, Government will also allow publication of the "Hirjan", and the question of the quota of paper for it is under consideration of the Government.

KASTURBA TRUST REGULATIONS

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 13.

It is learnt that Sjt. Mavlanker has formulated a draft of about 112 regulations under 18 heads pertaining to meetings, audit of accounts, administration, investment of property and other items regarding the Kasturba Memorial Fund Trust. The draft is being given final touches and it will be sent within two days to Messrs. Devdas Gandhi, K. M. Munshi, Mangaldas Pakwasa and other members of the Committee for final consideration.

Kasturba's Biography Completed

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 13: Miss Vanmala Parikh, daughter of Mr. Narhari Parikh, who had undertaken to write a biography of the late Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, has completed the volume which will be published in two parts. The first part is written by Miss Parikh herself and the second by Dr. Sushila Nayar where she deals with Kasturba's last days in the Aga Khan Palace.

Sapru On Conciliation Committee Procedure

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 13: "I am not going to ask Gandhiji to appear before me but certainly I am writing to him to send a memorandum on the communal issue" said Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in an interview to the "United Press" regarding the procedure of his Conciliation Committee.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru told the "United Press" that he had sent today letters to Mr. Jinnah, Mr. V. D. Savarkar, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Master Tara Singh asking when it would be convenient for them to see him in connection with the work of the Conciliation Committee. Sir Tej further revealed that most of the work of the Committee would be carried on by correspondence and rarely personal interviews would be sought unless necessary.

The "United Press" authoritatively learns that the Conciliation Committee may be enlarged after the first meeting to be held by about December 29.—United Press.

Misra's Widow For Wardha Mahilashram

LUCKNOW, Dec. 13: It is learnt that in deference to the wishes of Mr. Raj Narain Misra who was hanged on Saturday last in the Lucknow Jail in connection with the Vikhampur Murder Case Mr. Feroze Gandhi, Secretary of the U. P. Distress Relief Committee, has sent a letter to Gandhiji stating that Shrimati Vidyabati, wife of the late Mr. Misra be taken to the Wardha Mahilashram where she might undergo a vocational training that might be helpful to the country.

Shrimati Vidyabati and her two children are being supported by the Distress Relief Committee.—United Press.

KARACHI MAYOR ON ASSEMBLY LEAD

Plea For Congress-League Front To Demand Jail Delivery

KARACHI, Dec. 13.

Mr. Yusuf Abdulla Haroon, M.L.A. (Central), Mayor of Karachi, urges a united front of the Congress and the League for putting forward a joint demand for the release of Congress detenus in the course of a statement to the Press.

The Mayor adds: "Many people circulate that the Muslim Leaguers are not interested in independence and freedom of India. I make bold to say that our advocacy of Indian freedom is no less strong or sincere than that of any other person or party. In the Central Assembly we have already given proof of our sincerity and complete co-operation with the Congress Party. The Muslim League in the Punjab has given their seal of approval to our central lead. We are prepared to do likewise in Sind and elsewhere if the Congress responds to our call".

B. B. & C. I. R. STRIKE

City Fathers Urge Early Settlement

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Municipal Corporation passed on Wednesday the resolution of Mr. S. K. Patil in regard to the strike of some of the workers of the B. B. and C. I. Railway. Mr. Patil had moved on Monday: "The Corporation views with grave concern the continued dislocation of the B. B. and C. I. suburban service causing immense hardship and inconvenience to the citizens and residents of the suburbs who have to come to the city every day for business purposes, and is emphatically of the opinion that early, effective steps be taken to secure an amicable settlement of the dispute between the railway authorities and the employees who have resorted to a strike.

Mr. Zulmiram Choudhari moved an amendment seeking to add the following to the resolution of Mr. Patil: "The Mayor is further requested to impress upon the Government of India and the Railway Board the extreme desirability of acceding to the demands made by the All-India Railwaymen's Federation in November last to grant dearness allowance on the basis of the report of Sir B. N Rau's Committee, that is Rs. 45 per month or to refer the dispute for adjudication."

Mr. S. S. Mirajkar seconded the amendment.

Mr P. N. Chinoy pointed out that apart from the grievance over pay, the workers apprehend reduction in the quota of their rations also.

Mr. A. P. Sabavala thought that workers should have gone on strike as a last resort after placing all their grievances for redressal and having received no justice. In the present strike, out of seven lacs of workers, only five thousand had gone on strike against the advice of their leaders. He expected Mr. Patil to advise the workers to go to work first and to assure them that their grievances would be gone through.

Mr. S. C. Joshi supported the amendment and said the strikers though they were about 5,000, had placed demands which were common to all the workers on Indian railways. The Government of India had been asked to redress the grievances by granting the demands or to appoint a tribunal of enquiry. If this was not done, he apprehended there would be strike all over India and dislocation of traffic.

Mr. S. K. Patil in reply made it clear that without going into the merits of the case, he would not support the amendment. He therefore urged the sponsors of the amendment to withdraw it.

The amendment was taken to a division and lost by 33 votes against 12. The original resolution was then passed by a large majority.

MR. M. D. BHAT FELICITATED

The Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation on Wednesday placed on record their high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered to the Municipality by Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner, for a period of six years, and for his cordial co-operation with the committee during that period.

5 WORKERS OF B. B. & C. I. RLY. ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Five workers of the B. B. & C. I. Railway are arrested to-day under Defence of India Rules.

Local trains are running, though not at scheduled timings

Privy Council Admits B. B. Singh's Appeal

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 13: Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has received a cable from his London solicitor informing that the Privy Council has allowed the application of Mr. B. B. Singh, I.C.S., for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

Mr. B. B. Singh was originally charged with having murdered his maid servant Bilasia. The Chief Court on appeal converted the charge to that of hurt and sentenced him to imprisonment.—United Press.

GUJARAT WORKERS' FOR WARDHA.

Five women workers of Gujarat have been sent to Wardha for taking training in constructive work. After their return, training centres will be opened for women in different parts of Gujarat.

Punjab Govt. Releases Hussain Baksh

LAHORE, Dec. 13.

Mr. Hussain Baksh, a Congressman, has been ordered to be released by the Punjab Government to-day. His movements have been restricted to Lahore.—A. P.

MADRAS HARIJANS' MOVE FOR MINISTRY.

MADRAS, Dec. 13.

In pursuance of the proposal sponsored by two Harijan members of the Madras Assembly to form a coalition ministry for Madras at the recent Scheduled Castes' Conference at Madura, a Conference of the Scheduled Caste Members of the Assembly will be held here on Dec. 27.—U. P.

TAMILNAD HINDUSTHANI PRACHAR CONFERENCE.

MADRAS, Dec. 13.

The Fifth Tamilnad Hindusthani Prachar Conference will be held at Tirupur on Dec. 24 and 25 under the presidentship of Principal Agarwal of the Commerce College, Wardha. Mr. B. Gopal Reddi, former Minister, will open the conference.

A Hindi Pracharak Conference will also be held on the same days under the presidentship of Sardar Vedarathnam Pillai.—United Press.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13: Khan Bahadur Saadullah Khan, M.L.A., Ex-Minister of the North-west Frontier Province met Mr. Jinnah to-day and is understood to have discussed parliamentary politics in Frontier Province.

RAILWAY BOARD'S OFFER TO FEDERATION

Will Discuss Demands Formulated By Special Convention

MADRAS, Dec. 13.

Mr. S. Guruswami, General Secretary of the All India Railwaymen's Federation, in a communication to the Associated Press says that he has been informed by the Railway Board that they are prepared to discuss with the Federation the demands formulated by the Special Convention of the Federation in November last about the abolition of the new scales of pay, the revision of basic scales and dearness allowance.

The Railway Board have further informed Mr. Guruswamy that a suitable date for the meeting would be fixed shortly.—A. P.

"BARBAROUS ACTS" AGAINST DETENUS

Ceylon State Council Member Tables Protest Motion

COLOMBO Dec. 12.

Mr. W. Dahanayake, Member for Bibile in the State Council, gave notice this morning of a motion protesting against what he describes as "barbarous acts" in which "Mr. Terence De Silva, a detenu was transported from Colombo to Negombo recently with his hand manacled to that of an officer and that in which Mr. Robert Gonmewardene, another detenu, who was in a hospital with a fractured limb, had his injured limb manacled to the bed at night."—A. P.

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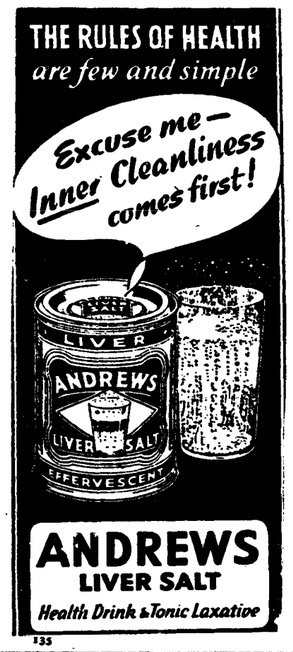

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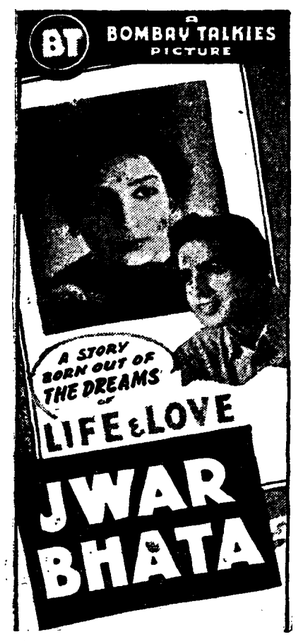

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BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION'S CALL TO MOBILISE 'UNITY' FORCES

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Bombay Students Union was held this evening at Sunderbai Hall. Mr. Subrata Sengupta, Editor, "The Student" presided. The hall was packed.

In his presidential remarks, Mr. Sengupta said: "The need for freedom is here and now; while men are dying from hunger and famine, and imperialist exploitation is going on headlong, we cannot afford to wait." He criticised post-war reconstruction plans, as they ignored the present, and as they were rife with the seeds of danger and disaster.

Referring to the problem of Hindu-Muslim unity the speaker said that the break-down was not final and the differences were not unbridgeable. People who criticised one party or the other were enemies of freedom.

It was essential, he continued, that people saw that the demands of the League were not thoroughly unreasonable. They also wanted freedom as much as the rest. But, if unity could come, only, by conceding to their desire for self-determination, the Muslims must be granted that.

Concluding, he said, that only by harnessing the support of Muslims could India hope to be free. If the present rift was allowed to continue, there was nothing but disaster for the future. The Government, who were aware of all this, were putting the finishing touches to the Coupland Constitution which would plunge India into a slavery worse than before.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"This conference of the students of Bombay regrets that the Gandhi-Jinnah talks did not result in a Congress-League united front to win power from the British rulers.

It recognises the differences that still exist between the viewpoints of Gandhiji and the Qaid-e-Azam, but reminds students of the advance made during the talks which brings the Congress and the Muslim League closer together than ever before. Both the leaders stand committed to-day to the right of the people of the Muslim-majority regions to form a separate state in the Free India of the future as the basis for a united front now to take power into our own hands. Fears that vested interests will dominate in Pakistan and misuse its power for anti-Indian purposes have been allayed to a large extent by the Qaid-e-Azam's repeated assurances that there will be full democracy in Pakistan, where the entire body of people will rule, irrespective of caste, creed or colour and that Pakistan will make common cause with us against all outside interference.

Despite this large measure of agreement, differences remain on the way in which the Pakistan State is to be set up and how joint action against outside interference is to be ensured. Gandhiji wants a vote to be taken of the entire adult population in the Muslim-majority regions to ascertain their wishes on the issue of separation. He also wants a joint board to decide a joint policy for defence and foreign affairs for the two States. The Qaide Azam believes that the people of the Muslim majority areas have the unconditional right to be free and sovereign and wants the Muslim League to be trusted to carry out its assurance that Pakistan will stand for democracy and joint action against all outside interference. These are serious differences based on a conflict of principles, but the advance made in the talks lays the basis for a friendly discussion based on respect for each point of view.

This Conference therefore deplores the spirit of partisanship which is drawing many followers of the Congress and the Muslim League to deny the good faith of the Qaide Azam or Gandhiji and say that Congress-League agreement is impossible. Such mutual recriminations only play into the hands of British reaction which wants to keep us forever divided and enslaved. This Conference appeals to students to remember the advance made in the Gandhi-Jinnah talks, to conduct friendly discussion to understand the view-points of the two leaders, evolve a common outlook and so play their part in bringing about a speedy agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League. Only in this way can we compel the British Government—which denies both Pakistan and Indian freedom—to release the Congress leaders and make way for a National Provisional Government."

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION CONFERENCE.

The General Secretary, Bombay Students' Union writes:—

The second session of the 5th Bombay Students' Union Conference will be held to-day (Thursday), at 5 p.m., at Sunderbai Hall when resolutions on Students' Unity, Constructive Programme and Students' Demands, Relief and International Situation, will be taken up, and Sjt. Arun Bose, Jt. Secretary of the All-India Students' Federation, will speak on 'The Truth about Greece'.

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LOVJI CAMA FESTIVAL OF DRAMA.

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All the entries received will be gone through on these three days and the 19th will be the Final Prize Giving Day, when the Judges will declare the winners and give a detailed criticism of the conduct of the competition and the performance put up by each competitor. On the same occasion after the Judges' remarks are over, selected critics who have witnessed the whole Festival will give their viewpoint thereby enabling the competitors and the congregation to get the other side of the picture.

Shrimati Kamladevi will preside on the Final Day.

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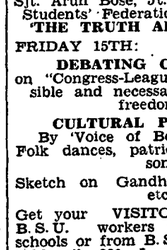

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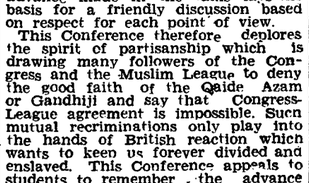

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To-day's Engagements

PRARTHANA SAMAJ: Mr. P. K. Dattawadkar will speak on "Socialism in the Vedas" at the Samaj Hall, Girgaum, at 6-30 p.m., on Friday.

SILVERFISH: Mr. G. N. Joshi will speak on "Poetry in Classical Indian Music" (with demonstrations) to-day, at 6-15 p.m., (for members and their guests).

RADICAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. Public lecture by Tarkateerth Laxmanshastri Joshi under the auspices of Radical Democratic Party, to-day (Thursday), at 9 p.m., at Kitlebhandari Hall, Gokhale Road, North, Dadar.

BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION. Mr. Manekshaw Mehta will speak in Gujarati in the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty to-day (Thursday), at 6-30 p.m. on "Godly Life."

ORTHODOX HINDU MEETING. Meeting of orthodox Hindus to-day (Thursday), at 6 p.m., at the Hira Baug C. P. Tank, re: Hindu Code Bill and Dr. Ambedkar's censure of Hindu Sacred Books. Prof. J. B. Durkal will preside

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION: A class in Russian for a limited number of students will be started shortly. All those who are desirous of joining the class should apply to the Secretary, Friends of the Soviet Union, 48, Benham Hall Lane, Girgaon, before Friday, 15th inst.

A.-I. MOTOR UNIONS CONGRESS EXECUTIVE.

LAHORE, Dec. 13: The Executive Committee of the All-India Motor Unions Congress will meet at Nasik (Bombay Presidency) on December 25 on the occasion of the Second Bombay Provincial Motor Unions Conference.

INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

The fifth annual conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics will be held at Naini (near Allahabad) on December 26, 27 and 28. Sir Manilal B. Nanavati will preside and Mr. L. K. Elmhirst, President of the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, will inaugurate the Conference.

PRIZE-WINNING GIRL STUDENTS.

The following prizes have been awarded to the girl students in connection with the Essay Writing Competition organised by Major S. R. Bamji, Director, National War Front, Dadar-East Division, Bombay: Miss Sharadkumari P. Gajendragadkar and Miss Kusum P. Mahale of Chikitsak Samooha Sanrolkar High School Rs. 50 and Rs. 30 respectively; Miss Sheroo S. Pastakia, Princess High School Rs. 20; Miss Madhubala Kashalkar St. Columba High School Rs. 10; Miss Zenobia Bharoocha and Miss Mehroo Motiwala of Jehangir Barjorji Vacha High School Rs. 10 each; Miss Dinoo Pardiwala and Miss Sharda Talpade of Alexandra Girls English Institution Rs. 10 each.

Y. M. C. A. Centenary

A public meeting was held this evening at the Wodehouse Road branch of the Y. M. C. A., to celebrate the centenary of that body. Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, presided.

Speaking on the occasion His Excellency referred to the history of the Y. M. C. A., from the year 1821, when it was founded by Sir George Williams.

The idea of the organisation was to bring young men together in all towns and provide them with a meeting place for recreation and companionship. It was not a proselytizing agency, though it was inspired by sturdy Christian principles. His Excellency concluded by paying a tribute to the war works done by the different Y. M. C. A.s in providing recreations and entertainment to service men.

The Bishop of Bombay joined in the tributes and Sir Francis Low, President of the local Y. M. C. A., welcomed the guests.

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Amendments To Hoarding And Profiteering Prevention Ordinance

NEW DELHI, 13: Further amendments to the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance are announced in a Gazette of India extraordinary published today, says a press note. The effect of the more important of these may be summarised as follows:—

(1) Where an article is sold at an unreasonable price, in addition to the salesman, the dealer or producer and the manager or other person in charge of the business shall also hereafter be liable to prosecution, unless they can prove that they exercised due diligence to prevent such contravention.

(2) Manufacturers will not now be able to inflate their costs of production by paying unreasonable prices for the component parts or raw materials going into the manufacture of the finished article. Only that price of the component parts or raw materials as conforms to the provisions of the Ordinance will hereafter be taken into account in determining the cost of production of the finished article.

(3) The intention that summary trials shall be the rule rather than the exception has been made clear in the Ordinance. This is to ensure that trials are disposed of speedily and the complainants and the witnesses are not put to serious inconvenience by protracted hearings. There is also no limit now on the fines which presidency magistrates or especially empowered first class magistrates can impose for contravention of the provisions of the Ordinance.

(4) The Controller General is given the power to prohibit sales with a view to effecting better distribution of existing stocks in the country. The factors that may be included in working out landed costs have also now been clarified.—A. P.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 13: Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches, recorded at eight hours L. M. T. on 10-12-1944:—

Allahabad 74 51 0, BOMBAY 89 60 0, Calcutta 85 61 P, Cawnpore 72 53 0, Cuttack 85 59 0, Darjeeling 56 40 0, Delhi 81 54 0, Dehra Dun 70 54 0.1, Jacobabad 79 48 0, Karachi 85 69 0, Lahore 70 51 0.6, Lucknow 73 52 0, Madras 82 68 0, Nagpur 86 58 0, Patna 80 61 0, Peshawar 68 45 T, Shillong 66 44 0, Simla 53 34 1.2.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To suppress minority thinking and minority expression would tend to freeze society and prevent progress. For the majority itself is stimulated by the existence of minority groups. The human mind requires contrary expression against which to test itself.

—W. L. Willkie.

The Bombay Chronicle

FUTURE OF BURMA

The Conservative members of the House of Commons had practically a field-day on the occasion of the debate on Burma which took place on Tuesday, representatives of the Labour and Liberal parties evincing little interest in the future of that country in spite of the high-sounding professions of those parties. In advance of the debate, the Burma Committee of the Conservative Party Imperial Affairs Committee had prepared a blue-print of post-war Burma, in which the ways and means of holding that country down as a milch-cow of the British Empire, while giving it the appearance outwardly of a self-governing member of that Empire, were elaborately outlined. The Committee has demanded that at least six years must pass after the conclusion of the war against Japan before any constitution confering "dominion Status" on Burma is introduced in that country. The real solicitude of the Tory circles for the welfare and progress of the people of Burma along the road of democracy can be gauged from such a reactionary plan.

The speeches made, during Tuesday's debate, by the chairman of the Burma Committee, Mr. Somerset de Chair, and other Conservative members, were aimed at drawing out from Mr. Leopold Amery, who is Secretary of State for Burma as well as India, a statement which could be construed as an official endorsement of the policy outlined in the Burma Committee's blue-print. Mr. Amery, in spite of his sympathies being wholly with his Tory friends, did not like to convey the impression to the public that the British Government openly endorsed the proposals of the Burma Committee. Hence, he merely dodged the issue and sought safety in repeating once again the platitudinous declaration of November 1941—he called it a pledge!—in which British aim in Burma was stated to be to assist that country "to attain complete self-government, as soon as circumstances permit." The Conservative members' speeches had, perhaps, also another object in view, namely, to get an official assurance that the Government did not contemplate any hastening of the introduction of self-government in Burma. In this, the members were completely successful inasmuch as Mr. Amery told the House in clear terms that the present circumstances did not allow a more precise statement to be made regarding the aims of the British Government in Burma. The Labour Party, through one of its members, made a half-hearted suggestion during the debate that the interim period of six years was far too long for the introduction of the reforms. But, Mr. Amery, with the solid support of his Conservative friends, was able to treat the suggestion with contempt.

"As soon as circumstances permit" is so ideally elastic—and nebulous—a phrase that the Tory-ridden British Government cannot but hug to its bosom and refuse to alter it in any way. As in the case of India and every other British possession, phrases like the above one have helped the Empire-builders to beguile the people of these possessions as well as the uncritical world outside. With the help of a phrase like "as soon as circumstances permit", liberation of colonial peoples from British thraldom can be deferred till even Doomsday. Whether the people of Burma, whom Mr. Amery expects to welcome the British as their "liberators" at the end of the war with Japan, will welcome with equal warmth the British Government's persistent refusal to hasten their deliverance from British thraldom even by a few years is a point to which Mr. Amery and his Tory friends deliberately shut their eyes. Like the Bourbons these British die-hards, have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing.

Arab Women's Congress

It is good to learn that Arab women have definitely decided to take their place in the national life of their Middle East countries. According to a Cairo report a Congress of Arab women has opened there, the first Congress of its kind, to organise women to obtain political and civic rights and to discharge their duties as the equal of men. This is a very welcome sign of the times in the Middle East. It is a truism to say that no people can achieve much progress in the world of to-day if half of it is a prisoner physically, socially and intellectually. But this has been the lot of women in many countries of Asia and this, among other factors, is also responsible for the backwardness of Asiatic countries and their consequent domination by Europe. If women win their emancipation and take their due and necessary place in the life of the Middle East countries, the era of their emergence as free, prosperous progressive members to equal with the rest of the world will be brought appreciably nearer We, in India, wish all success to the Congress of Arab women.

Frankly Speaking

British Fleet In Pacific

The British have sprung a painful surprise upon the Japanese with the announcement that there has already been assembled a British fleet in the Pacific so powerful that the Admiralty has sent its famous Admiral, Sir Bruce Fraser, from Ceylon to take command of it. It will operate in the Pacific under the Supreme Command of Admiral Nimitz or General MacArthur according to strategical requirement and its strength is equal to that of the entire Japanese Navy. This means, not that it will only tip the balance in favour of America and Britain as Admiral Fraser appears to suggest but that the joint strength of the American Third, Fifth and Seventh Fleets and the British Pacific Fleet will overwhelm the Jap Navy by 3 to 1. This Allied naval concentration cannot but add to the already grave anxiety in Tokio. But why, one wonders, has such a powerful British fleet been despatched to an area where, speaking from the point of view of strict requirements of war, it is not quite needed?

Difficult To Understand

It cannot be seriously argued that the British owe a duty to their American Ally substantially to share responsibility in an American zone especially when they have a zone of operations of their own and where, incidentally, the concentration in the Pacific involves a weakening of available strength. The despatch of this Fleet and, along with it, Admiral Fraser also, does mean that Mr. Churchill's Government attaches more importance to the Pacific than to the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal. If the Jap strength is negligible in the Indian Ocean without any possibility of its returning, what Mr. Churchill has given away to the Pacific would have brought much nearer offensive operations in the Bay of Bengal with its inevitably happy consequences to, say, Burma. It is difficult to understand this British strategy except in terms of Mr. Churchill's possible imperialistic desire that British vested interests in the Pacific should not suffer in any degree by default.

Wanted Action

Sir Syed Raza Ali's charge against the Government of India that they are more concerned with producing impression than with achieving results in connection with the South African issue is entirely justified. It is over a year since the new campaign against the Indian community in Natal was launched, but the Government of India, even with a so-called Indian majority in the Viceroy's Cabinet and an Indian member in charge of the overseas portfolio, have done practically nothing to protect the nationals of this country against the aggression of the South African Whites. The Hon. Dr. Khare, since he joined the Viceroy's Council, has been holding out all sorts of assurances of stern action against the oppressors of his countrymen in the Union, but so far all his threats have turned out to be mere stage-thunder. A country-wide demand has been made for the recall of India's High Commissioner in the Union, a demand which has been endorsed by Indians in South Africa, but Dr. Khare has lamentably failed to respond to the suggestion. Sir Syed Raza Ali has pointed out that effective retaliatory action can be taken against the Union by banning the import of certain commodities from the Union and also the export of certain articles from India of which the Union is in vital need. If the Government of India and Dr. Khare have the will—which the public very much doubt, to judge from their past record—they can certainly find a way to teach the South African Union the lesson it badly needs in civilized government. But, if they believe that mere bluff and bluster will serve their purpose they will find themselves totally mistaken.

Mazdaznan Temple Petition Dismissed

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla.)

Framroz Ardeshir Bode and Others ..... Petitioners.

versus

N. A. Faruqui, the Collector of Bombay. ..... Respondent.

This was an application by the petitioners on behalf of themselves and other persons said to be worshipping at place known as the Mazdaznan Temple at the Industrial Assurance Building at Churchgate, for a writ of certiorari against the Collector of Bombay who by his order dated 31st May requisitioned the premises under Rule 75 A (1) of the Defence of India Rules and called for vacant possession by the end of September.

The petitioners contended that the Collector had no jurisdiction to requisition what was alleged to be a place of worship and where it was alleged that on an average 500 persons met every week for saying prayers. They further alleged that the pure Mazdaznan or Zoroastrian religion was being practised at the above place and that the religion which was being practised by the Parsis was an admixture of foreign accretions not sanctioned by that religion. It was further alleged that light which is the symbol of Zoroastrian religion was kept burning there day and night at the above place which was started and consecrated on 21st March 1940.

Several affidavits had been filed on behalf of the respondent denying that it was a place of worship and alleging that it was merely a place of social entertainment where dances were held, comic songs recited and functions held.

At the very outset, the Advocate-General who appeared for the respondent raised a preliminary objection to the effect that the petition was misconceived inasmuch as a writ of certiorari did not lie in the case of an executive act as opposed to a quasi-judicial one. He argued that if the Government had the right to requisition a property and it did so without holding any inquiry, it being an administrative act no writ of certiorari could lie and merely because in this case there was a provision that the Government could not requisition a place of worship it does not make the Government's order a judicial order. ((1943) 1 A.E.R. 29; 63 T.A. 408; 41 Bom. L.R. 911 and 46 I.A. 176.)

Mr. Desai for the petitioners contended that the proviso excluding places of worship meant that the Collector had to exercise his judgment after due investigation and his act is therefore a quasi-judicial act in respect of which a writ of certiorari could lie (48 C.W.N. 777 at 799).

At that stage, the petitioners submitted to a dismissal of the petition. His Lordship, therefore, dismissed it with costs.

Mr. M. V. Desai instructed by Messrs. Dastur and Co., appeared for the petitioners.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer and Mr. M. M. Jhaveri instructed by Messrs. Little and Co., appeared for the respondent.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13: The Government of India have lifted the ban on the publication of any literature issued by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and the International Students' Association. The notification prohibiting the import into British India of any document issued by the Society and the Association has also been cancelled.

Military Reorganisation Committee

C.-IN-C. ASSURES ITS LABOURS WILL BE VALUABLE TO ANY 'GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

The C.-in-C., Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck at a press conference today gave some impressions of his recent tour of India. He acknowledged that even the humblest in India were bearing the burden of war effort and that

the sacrifice which the Indian peasant with his small margin of reserve was called upon to make was severer than the deprivation of comfort which people in other countries with higher standards might suffer.

His Excellency strongly refuted the criticisms and aspersions recently cast on the European civilian population in India.

In his remarks on the Reorgantsation Committee, the C.-in-C. stated it was a purely military Committee, in the broader sense, that it would deal with the armed forces and was not concerned with constitutional or political issues of any kind.

The question had been asked how this Committee could Functor when the future constitution of India was not settled. Replying to this question the C.-in-C. said: "The reason why I decided to set up this Committee at this time was to ensure that the practical military knowledge and experience that has been gained during these five years should not be lost, and as I intended the work of this committee to be purely exploratory in the military field, the evidence it takes and the conclusions it may reach will, I hope, in fact I am quite sure, be valuable to any Government of India, however constituted in the future."

"It is possible", His Excellency emphasised, "to, separate military considerations from political considerations when you are considering the organisation, composition and the set-up generally of armed forces and in this connection, generally speaking, all armies are really built on the same pattern. There may be differences in detail but they are all organised and composed on the same principle more or less. That has always been the case since regular armies came into existence. It is reasonable to assume that the Army, Navy and Air Force in India after the war, whatever India's constitution may be, are likely to be very much the same as those of any other country in the world. There will be differences to suit local conditions but the lessons of this war regarding the future armed forces of the world are generallthat they will not be particular to any country That is the reason why I am anxious, having the future welfare of this country at heart, that the lessons which we are learning and have learned should not be lost."

Will Br. Troops Stay In Indian Army?

Asked if the committee would consider with regard to the composition of the future Indian Army distinctions between so-called martial and non-martial classes or the proportion of Indian to British troops, etc. His Excellency, without meaning to forestal its conclusions, said that the Committee could say that certain forces were required, whether they were the Army, Naval or Air Forces, and that they were required in certain places and should be armed and organised in a certain way irrespective of whether the forces were to be Indian or British. Whether they were Indian or British did not really affect the purely military question. As regards the question whether British troops were to form or should form part of India's post-war Army, it was a matter on which neither the Committee nor himself could give an opinion until negotiations, which undoubtedly would have to be undertaken after the war, established what the future constitution should be.

"So far as the Indian part of the Army goes," His Excellency declared, "the Reorganisation Committee has been instructed by me to take the widest possible basis, and it is one of the principles on which I am working that the future armed forces of India are to be as widely based as possible."

How that was to be achieved was a difficult and complicated question, but the principle had been laid down that the future armed forces of this country must be widely based not only for any political reasons or to ensure that a particular race or class had a place in those forces but purely for reasons of expediency and in order to make the best possible use of available material in the country.

India To Rely On Aid From British Commonwealth

A correspondent asked on what basis the Committee would proceed on the question of India's strategic position and military alliances.

The C.-in-C. said the only basis of examination which he could give them was whatever her future Government might be, India would for some time to come—for a good many years in fact—require outside assistance in the event of major aggression against her and that therefore the Committee should work on the basis that India would, if necessary, rely on other members of the British Commonwealth.

We had to face the immediate situation after the war when the enemy had been defeated. And then there would come a period in which nation-building would be taken up and other wars might start before India, whatever her future might be, was ready to stand on her own feet.

BASE AGAINST JAPS.

Earlier His Excellency recalled his statement at a previous Press Conference that our task in India was to make her a base for the operations of the Supreme Allied Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, because it was from India that Lord Louis would launch his operations against the Japanese and although Ceylon was not a part of India for that purpose it could, generally speaking, be included in the base from which the Supreme Allied Commander worked.

"That situation," said the C.-in-C. "remains substantially the same, except that the pace has become quicker and work more intense as the pressure on the Japanese becomes greater. As you know the pressure on the Japanese is increasing every day and almost every hour. It will go on until the Japanese are finally defeated."

NATIONAL BADMINTON

BENGAL'S SUCCESS AGAINST U. P.

The commencement of the Inter-Provincial Badminton Championship Tournament saw Bengal winning both the engagements in singles at the cost of the United Provinces at the Bombay Gymkhana on Wednesday evening While Madgavkar disposed of Sood easily, Sunil Bose had a strenuous fight against Hamiduzzafar lasting over three games.

In the All-India Badminton Championships, Motiram Desai and Agaskar extended the holders. G. Lewis and Devinder Mohan, to a considerable extent in the second game. A little more steadiness on the losers' part might have levelled up matters.

Badminton of an exhilarating character was seen in the men's doubles engagement between Rangnekar and Mugwe and the Ullal brothers. The latter pair gave their redoubtable opponents a good run for their money, snatching away the first game from them.

Ferreira and Burjor Shroff of Bombay accounted for the U. P. pair, Hamiduzzafar and Sood in a very creditable manner.

The following are the results:—

BENGAL v U. P.

V. A. Madgavkar (Bengal) bt S. P. Sood (U. P.) 15—5, 15—2; S. Bose (Bengal) bt Hamiduzzafar (U. P.) 12—15, 15—8, 15—8.

WOMEN'S SINGLE: Miss T. Deodhar (Poona) w.o. Miss L. M. Merchant (Bombay); Mrs. Lewis (Punjab) bt Miss M. Barlow (U. P.) 11—4, 5—11, 11—4; Miss M. R. Chinoy (Bombay) bt Miss A. Phadnis (Poona) 11—1, 11—7; Miss A. R. Vimadalal (Bombay) bt Miss Suman Deodhar (Bengal) 11—8, 11—6.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Miss F. Talyarkhan and Miss M. Chinoy (Bombay) bt Miss V. B. James and Miss M. Barlow (U. P.) 15—2, 15—9; Miss S. Deodhar and Mrs. V. Malhotra bt Miss A. Phadnis and Miss P. Athaide 15—1, 15—7.

MEN'S DOUBLES: R. Banerji and B. Banerji bt G. E. Morris and A. Athaide 15—4, 15—8; H. Ferreria and B. D. Shrof bt S. Hamiduzzafar and S. P. Sood 9—15, 15—9, 15—8; K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Mugwe bt A. V. Ullal and B. V. Ullal 9—15, 15—9, 15—10; G. Lewis and Devinder Mohan bt M. N. Desai and B. R. Agaskar 15—8, 17—14; V. A. Madgavkar and S. Bose bt S. Kalyanpurkar and M. S. Ajrekar 15—1, 15—4.

Viceroy's Letter To Princes' Chamber

The "Hindustan Times" publishes the text of the reply received on behalf of the Viceroy by the Chancellor of the Princes Chamber in regard to the various matters discussed by the deputation of Princes which met him in September last. In the course of the letter it is stated:—

The Crown Representative is glad to observe that the Princes agree generally that the smaller Indian States which cannot by themselves maintain an efficient standard of administration should co-operate with some other State or States to secure this essential, and his Excellency notes and concurs in the deputation's view that in inviting small States to co-operate with their neighbours in order to secure improvement in their administrative arrangements there should be no suggestion that all such States are grossly misgoverned. Cases of gross misgovernment, as you correctly point out, fall to be dealt with by the Crown Representative in accordance with a separate and well-established procedure. The Crown Representative is interested to know that the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes has set up a committee under the chairmanship of his Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner to define the minimum standards of efficient administration which the smaller States might normally be expected to maintain. While His Excellency doubts whether it is in fact possible to devise a formula which will cover the very diverse conditions obtaining in the Indian States or embrace the many different pre-requisites which go to the formation of an efficient administration, I am to say that the findings of this Committee will be awaited with interest. The three specific suggestions and one additional suggestion which the deputation put forward for improving the existing procedure in grouped areas may now be summarized:

(a) that Boards of Control for the working of Joint Services should consist only of Rulers representing full powered States and should not contain representatives of States where residuary powers of jurisdiction vest in the Crown Representative;

(b) that Joint Advisers, etc., should not deal with Political Officers over the heads of State administrations or Boards of Control;

(c) that the working of the various schemes of Joint Services which may be in operation at any given time should be subjected to periodical review by a small committee consisting of the Chancellor, a few Rulers and the Political Adviser; and

(d) that the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes be given an opportunity to prepare a scheme of minimum standards for efficient administration and to suggest alternative ways of meeting the difficulty presented by the existence of petty Indian States which cannot from their own resources conform to such standards; that thereafter for a period of two years the States may be allowed to work out a scheme of their own without interference from Political Officers, the position to be reviewed after the expiry of the period mentioned.

ALTERNATIVE.

The Crown Representative realises that the association of representatives of States under management (for whatever reason) with Boards of Control has not in all cases met with the approval of Rulers of full powered States. Nevertheless, the alternative—that these States should be required to contribute to the cost of Joint Advisers, etc., without having a say in their appointment and control—would seem to go against the whole principle underlying the co-operative plan. It must be realized, the Crown Representative thinks, that minority and other forms of management do not last indefinitely and it would seem on principle to be unfair that because a State happened to be under minority management—as all States may be from time to time—it should be deprived of its right to share in the deliberations of the Board of Control. Nor is it sufficient to suggest that, if States under management do not like an arrangement whereby they should contribute to the cost of Joint Advisers, etc., without having a voice in their appointment and control, they should look elsewhere. For the truth is that many Indian States are so small that there is no other alternative open to them except to join forces with the nearest group while, on the other hand, if the benefits of the co-operative grouping plan are to be realized in the necessary degree, the groups themselves must be as large as possible. His Excellency is, therefore, reluctantly compelled to disagree with the deputation's suggestion, but he undertakes to keep all Boards of Control where States under management are represented under close observation with a view to ascertaining whether the objections which the deputation see in the existing arrangements are so serious that some alternative plan must be sought for meeting the difficulty.

CO-OPERATIVE GROUPING.

His Excellency realizes that once the co-operative grouping expedient has been fully developed, it would, perhaps, be inconsistent with the principle of co-operation for Joint Advisers, etc., to deal with Political Officers except through the medium of the groups—Board of Control. The experiment of co-operative grouping is, however, still at a tentative state only, it has been devised by the Crown Representative as a possible solution of a very embarrassing problem and his Excellency trusts that you will not at this stage press your objection to Joint Advisers on occasion having access to the Political Agent concerned independently of the Board of Control. I am to assure your Highness that Political Officers are fully seized of the necessity of keeping their interference with co-operative grouping arrangements restricted to the absolute minimum, but until the expedient has established itself finally—may be on somewhat different lines in different areas—occasional intervention on the part of Political Officers with the purpose of co-ordinating and stimulating co-operative grouping schemes is unavoidable. In this connection I am to say that the Crown Representative considers that your suggestion that individual States should report annually or six monthly to the Board of Control, showing the degree to which they have been able during this period to accept the advice of Joint Officers, is an excellent one and might be implemented straightway.

The Crown Representative gladly accepts your suggestion that the working of the various schemes of Joint Services and the differences if any relating thereto may be subjected to periodical review by a small Committee consisting of the Chancellor, a few Rulers and the Political Adviser. I am to suggest that this proposal be taken up in the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes and the details explored. His Excellency will watch the developments of this proposal with interest and will keep himself in close touch with the deliberations of this small committee.

(To Be Continued)

BREAKING HIS OWN CYCLING RECORD

Youth To Pedal For 50 Hours And Swing Club For 24

A well-built Muslim youth of 24 Mohamed Haji, a well-known cyclist of Hyderabad, is determined to break his own record of 48 hours of non-stop cycling. To perform this feat, he has placed himself under the supervision of a specially constituted Committee.

On Wednesday, afternoon, he started cycling on the 'Maidan' of the Young Men's Muslim Association at Club Road, Byculla, Bombay, in the presence of nearly a thousand people. On the stroke of 4 P.M. he mounted the bicycle and at a medium pace went round and round the spacious 'Maidan.' With his left hand he held the handle of the cycle and as he pedalled he swung a club weighing 6 lbs. with the right hand. The club swinging will be stopped after 24 hours while the cycling will continue for full 50 hours without any stop. The cyclist will not even dismount to have his meals or answer calls of nature. As he is cycling a glass of lime juice will be given to him at repeated intervals and he will sip it as he pedals along.

PAST RECORDS

In ordinary cycling this young man has already established a record of 80 hours previously, on the same 'Maidan' in 1938.

In Sholapur in 1941 he established a record of 48 hours with partial club swinging which he is trying to break now.

He also made history in lathi-swinging which he has done non-stop at Hyderabad for 72 hours. Two motor cycles were presented to him as a result of this marvellous achievement. Among the other trophies he has won are several cups and medals.

A Committee of three medical men under Dr. M. E. Khatkhate is keeping a vigilant eye on him. The youth is a constable of the Hyderabad (Deccan) Police Force.

Seth Esmail A. Adenwala presided over the function at which the cyclist embarked upon his record-breaking performance.

Information received at 10 p.m. reveals that the cyclist is in good trim and several visitors including officers watched his feat for some time.

GANDHIJI'S APPEAL TO WOMEN

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mahatma Gandhi has appealed to the women of the country to come forward and take up constructive work arising out of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust.

All women who wish to respond to Mahatma Gandhi's call and take up work either at the central office or in their respective Provinces or districts are requested to get into touch with Shrimati Mridula Sarabhai, organising secretary, Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust Fund office. Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Sarojini On Sargent Scheme

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13: Addressing a meeting of women, Mr. John Sargent, Education Commissioner Government of India, explained at some length the Sargent scheme of education. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in a brief speech emphasised the difference between instructions and education. Referring to the Sargent scheme she said that it was a constructive plan which we could improve, modify, amend and expand in any way. She urged every man and woman to be revolutionary in the matter of education.—A. P.

Acquitted Of Murder Charge

POONA, Dec. 13: Krishna Yadavrao Jagtap of Guroli, a Havildar in a Motor Transport Unit, who was charged with murder of Sankuran Khedekar of Guroli, was to-day acquitted by the Additional Sessions Judge, Poona. His four other military companions, said to have abetted the commission of offence, were also acquitted—A. P.

Viceroy In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 13: Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Viscountess Wavell, accompanied by Sir Evan Jenkins and attended by Col. D. H. Currie, Captain the Earl of Euston and Capt. J. B. Fortune have arrived at Government House.—A.P.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, Dec. 12: It was announced to-night that the emergency resolution on Greece, which will be moved on behalf of the Labour Party Executive as first business to-morrow, uses the word 'regrets' and not 'deplores'.—Reuter.

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Mr. Leopold Amery has reassured the Burmans. He has reiterated his oft-repeated pledge that the British will "assist" (?!?!!!) Burma to attain "complete self-government as soon as circumstances permit, and that the present circumstances did not allow a more precise statement."

Precisely Precision of statement would involve exposure of "the circumstances" apart from constituting an injustice to the wisdom, foresight and the craftsmanship of those who drew up the pledge.

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But Burma will get her self-government "assisted" by the British, in fact, independence itself even though circumstances past and original may be much too complicated for a precise statement even as compared with those in Greece.

Burma will secure her "independence"—"of India."

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You don't seem to be willing to leave those "circumstances" alone? We cannot but deplore—no regret—your curiosity.

But in order to release you from its strong grip—and for only that purpose, you understand?—we would refer you to (1) any modern history of British Imperialism and (2) any comprehensive directory—industrial commercial and financial—of the Empire. With a warning, however. It will not only satisfy but also overfeed your curiosity with consequences for which you will have to hold yourself responsible.

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Mr. Eden has stated in the Commons that the British Commonwealth suffered 40,000 casualties in the operations "to free Greece and Crete" down to the time of the Germans' evacuation.

The sacrifice, however, continues, casualties are now being suffered in operations to free Greece from the EAM.

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According to a Cairo report, "Arab women in the Middle East want complete equality in all walks of life with men."

So that particular asylum is also barred and our intention of performing a sort of 'hijrat' to the Middle East must be given up.

We wonder where we should flee from India, where a threat to man is looming increasingly large on the horizon. Indeed, it is a doom, with the All-India Women's Conference on the path of *totalitarian* glory They are busy energetically formulating programmes and plans of all-inclusive domination over India and they design to conscript men themselves as volunteers, of course, to do the job. It is a veritable doom for man "in all walks of life" of which he will be the paving-stone for them to tread and drive on.

You must meet the All-India Women's Conference or whatever the THING is called in order to believe them.

We have.

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"That you, darling?"

"Yes, who's that?"

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A hyphen is the only plausible excuse for breaking your word.

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It sometimes is easier to gain the daughter's hand than the father's ear.

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Don't judge a woman's cooking by the cake she send to the church social.

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If a woman's complexion pleases her the rest doesn't matter so much.

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An impossible man is one who hasn't a bit of foolishness in his make-up.

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If a man is considerate, he will tolerate the right of another to hold wrong views.

Arab Women Want Equality

First Conference Forms Committees To Carry Out Elaborate Programme

CAIRO, Dec. 12

Arab women in the Middle East want complete equality in all walks of life with men and are resolved to obtain political as well as civic rights.

A Congress of Arab women opened this afternoon in Cairo's Royal Opera House with 90 delegates from Middle East countries, Madame Hoda Sharaouipasha, leader of the Egyptian Feminist movement presiding

Madame Sharaouipasha said, "Women must have the right to enter Parliament and Cabinet and be allowed to take active part in all spheres of public life. We are confident of obtaining political rights which our Indian sisters have already acquired."

The Congress which is the first of its kind in the Arab world, formed committees to consider maternity and postnatal education, children, the Palestine problem and steps to fight zionism, health questions and morality, and economic and civil rights of women.—Reuter.

The Ahmedabad Municipal Officers' Acts Validating Act, 1944, which is to validate the acts of certain officers of Ahmedabad Borough Municipality during its supersession, has received the assent of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette" dated December 13.

Hindu-Muslim Cleavage Only A Bogey

LONDON, Dec. 12

"It is quite possible that Hindus and Moslems will settle their differences more easily than we expect when the British show clearly they are leaving India" states Gordon Waterfield, former Reuter's War Correspondent in the East, in a book entitled "Morning Will Come".

He adds. "There is not the cleavage between them that Mr. Jinnah and the India Office like to make out. I believe that the Indian nationalists will come to terms with us if we make clear that we intend to hand over Government within, say, five years of the conclusion of the war against Japan.

It may be that India will have to split up into differernt states to achieve a settled government. If, however, chaos is almost certain to be the only alternative to the British relinquishing control, then for the sake of world security the British must continue in control with the support of the United Nations.—Reuter.

Case Against Khurho Adjourned

SUKKUR (Karachi), Dec. 13.

After the examination of one prosecution witness today, the case against Khan Bahadur Khurho, his brother, Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Khurho, and three others was adjourned till Monday next.

13 Guntur Detenus To Be Released

MADRAS, Dec. 13: A. S. Chelapati Rao and 13 other detenus belonging to Guntur District have been ordered to be released to-day. This brings the total number of detenus released as the result of the present six monthly review to 128.—A. P.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 12: Mr. Izzat Pasha of Lucknow who was a Professor in the Ghazi College, Kabul suddenly died in Kabul after short illness. His funeral which was officially arranged by the Afghan Ministry of Education was attended by Indians in Kabul, including the British Oriental Secretary and Commercial Secretary

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Small But Steady Recovery In Shares

BULLION MARKET FIRM

Cotton Prices Rule Steady

BOMBAY, December 13.

The Bombay Share Bazar staged small but steady recovery in quotations of popular shares as a result of moderate support and short covering.

Inflation feeling caused a firmer tendency in Bullion Market and prices of both Gold and Silver hardened.

Cessation of Long Liquidation was responsible for comparatively narrow price movement. The session after remaining in a sea-saw state closed steady.

After the recent decline, the technical position of the market was rendered healthy and there appeared moderate support with the result that quotations after opening, assumed hardening tendency. In view of approaching holidays, chances do not favour any material improvement. The money market remains easy and as usual investment support is likely to appear on all important setbacks. Tata Steel Defd shares opened today at Rs. 2220 and improved to Rs. 2232. The market steadied at this level and again hardened to Rs. 2240. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 398 and advanced to Rs. 402. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1820 and improved to Rs. 1830. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 599 and steadied at Rs. 604. The market was steady with renewed support.

Gold And Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 123/1 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 65/4. This daily supply was found insufficient to satisfy speculative demand which exists on the local market.

It appears that after the recent decline, professional operators under the influence of war news from China have renewed buying on hopes that general demand will develop and the same is now being felt.

The market opened quietly steady and at the opening forward Gold was quoted at Rs. 65/2 and forward Silver was placed at Rs. 122/12. There was general buying and in the absence of offerings, Gold improved to Rs. 65/8 and Silver advanced to Rs. 123/10.

Demand for ready shows signs of broadening. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of annas ten at Rs. 124/4 and ready Gold stood at a premium of annas 4 at Rs. 65/12. Tone was fairly steady.

Later on there was very active general buying which caused a sharp rise in quotations on reports of increase in note circulation. Closing quotations. Ready Gold Rs. 66/4. Forward Rs. 66. Ready Silver Rs. 125/10. Forward Rs. 125.

Bombay Cotton

The local cotton market opened steady and with a limited business prices fluctuated within a narrow range.

March delivery opened at Rs. 432 and improved to Rs. 434/8 under scattered buying and later steadied at Rs. 433/4. Business was restricted and the market was steady.

It appears that the recent rise of Rs. 60. per candy in March delivery from Rs. 391/8 to Rs. 452 gave an excellent opportunity to professional bulls to unload heavily on the market and short covering absorbed most of the offerings. The rise being too rapid now prices have declined to about Rs. 20 per candy and the market is now restored to normal conditions with limited professional interest open to fluctuations. Thus in the absence of any fresh development the market looks grinding following fresh news.

Under small selling March declined to Rs. 430/12 and steadied at Rs. 431/12. There was utter absence of any professional activity. Towards the close there was improved buying and the market closed at 6 p.m as under:—

I.C.C. March	434	8 0
I.C.C. May	442	12 0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 530 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

	High	Low	Close
I.C.C. March	441/8	431/12	433/12
I.C.C. May	449/8	440/12	442/12
Karachi Mar	44/7	43/2/6	43/11/9

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Tata Ordinary 402 Tata Deferred 2236/4 Indian Iron 39/6 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 32/10 Bombay Dyeing 1830 Central India 406/14 Century 842/8 Goksk 311/4 Koninoor 605 Simplex 272/8 Andhra Valley 1805 Tata Hydro 207/8 Tata Power 1905 Associated Cement 241/8 Belapur 229/6 Bombay Burma (Old) 490

MILL BUYING IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

Limited hedges and prompt stoppage of 13 December notices were helpful factors. Government support programmes and expected purchases in the open market for lend-lease outweighed favourable war news. Routine fixations absorbed scattered hedges and the session closed steady. The New York Cotton Exchange Service estimates November consumption 810,000 bales.

December delivery opened at a rise of 3 points at 21.77 and after declining to 21.76 advanced to 21.82. The market closed at a net rise of 7 points to a decline of 4 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 4 points at 22.32c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

December	21.80+06
January	21.78+06
March	21.93+06
May	21.84+0.
July	21.53+02
October	20.67—04
December Highest (12-53 p m)	21.82+08
December Lowest (10-5 a m)	21.76+02
Middling Spot	22.32+04

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.
BOMBAY, Dec. 13.

MILLS.
Apollo 4/1/6 4/3 4/2/6
Bharat 65
Bombay Dyeing 1815 28/12 23/12 30 26/4 33/12 28/12 31/4 23/12 37/8
Bradbury Ord 345
Central India Ord 403 1/8 6/8 4/8 7/8 6 8 5 10
Century 835
Colaba 224 26/8 25 28/8 28
Edward Textile 777/8 54/8
Elphinstone Ord 88 87 88
Elphinstone Pref 126/4
Finlay 302 1/8 4 3 5 4 5 3/8 5
Gokak 307 9 8 9/8 8 9/8
India United Defd 3/1/3 3/1 3/2/6 3/2
India United Ord 15/6 15/9 15/7 15/10
Indore 782/8 93/12 80 85 78/12 83/12
Khatau 350
Kohinoor 597 601 600 603 2 6 3 6 4 12
Luxmi 1393/12
Madhusudan 450 455 450
Meyer 216/4 20 18/12 20/10
Minerwa 262/8
Model 252/8 55
Morarji 690 92/8
New City 396/4 94/6
New Great 406 7 5/8 9 8 9/8 7 11
Podar 365
Sassoon Cotton 23
Sholapur 5045
Srinivas 355
Simplex 266 69/8 68 71/8 70 73 70/8 74/8 74
Swadeshi 555 62 61 64 61 65 63 66 62 67
Swan 317 20 19 21 20 22 20/8 22
Tata Mill 68/4 70/8 70/4
Vishnu 477/8
Central Provinces Rly. 103
BANKS
Central 81/4 82/4
Imperial New 503/12
India 189/8 91/8 91
Reserve 133 34 33 33/8
Union 9/8
Habib 81
ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 223/2 23/12 21/14
Amalgamated Ord 17/4
Andhra Valley Ord 1800 1797/8
Tramways Ord 149/12 50/4
Tramways Pref 71/4
Surat 216/4
Tata Hydro 208 8/8
Tata Power 1900 1880
INSURANCE
New India 81 81/4
Vulcan 17/12
Bombay Steam 595
Scindia 34/4 34/5 34/3 34/8 34/7 34/9
Tata Steel Dfd 2215 35 30 41/4 35 42/8 30 41/4 38/12
Tata Steel Ord 397 401/8 400/8 403 1/8 2/8 400/8 2 1/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. 164 63/8 63/12
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 450
Associated Cement 240 41/12 41 41/8
Belapur 229/8 33 32 33/8
Bombay Burma Old 485
Bombay Burma New 171/4
B. B. Petrol 3/14 3/13/9 3/14/6 3/14/
Dharamshi Chemical 56/8
Indian Bleaching 181 82/8
I. I. Trust 124
Port Canning 110
Premier Construction Ord 209 11/8 10
Shivrajpur 59 59/8 59
Tata Chemical 20/12 20/10 20/14 20/11
Tata Oil 74 73/8
Cooria 214/8 (Ex Div)
Neptune Insurance 11/2
Industrial Prudential Insurance 46
Zandu Pharmacy 196/4

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
December 21.72+06 March 21.92+04
Middling Spot 21.40+05
NOON CALL
December 21.76 March 21.91 May 21.82

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Dec. 12.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	73
Consols 2-1/2 p c	81-5/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-1/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-5/8
Victory bonds 4 p c	113-3/4
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	10-3/4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	84
National Bank of India	42-3/4

MONEY MARKET.
Bombay, Dec. 13.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 1 and 2 months, 1/6 9/32 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D. 1/6 1/8.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

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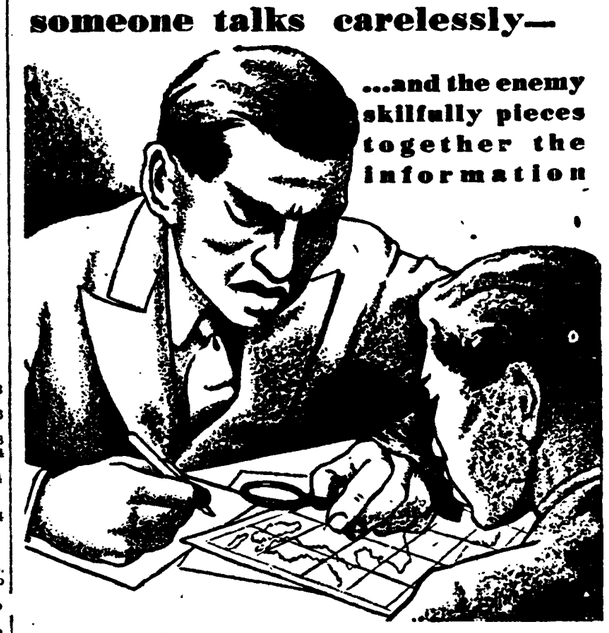

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NOTICE

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M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 14th December, 1944.
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G.I.P. RAILWAY.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Special Works, Bombay, invites tenders up to 12 hours on 28-12-44 for constructing Grain Shop at Transportation Workshop, Byculla. The Form of Tender, Schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3|- being made. These sums will not be refunded. (1366)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE

IT IS NOTIFIED that the following Down local trains will be diverted on Down Through line from Mulund and will be admitted on the temporary platforms at Mumbra and Diva from date to 17th December, 1944, both days inclusive.

TRAIN Nos.—243 Dn; 313 Dn; 315 Dn; T 1 Dn; 317 Dn; 319 Dn; and 321 Dn. (1369)

THE ALL INDIA GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 77 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, the Statutory Meeting of the All-India General Insurance Co., Ltd. will be held at the Registered Office of the Company in Podar Chambers, Parsee Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay, on Friday the 5th January 1945 at 3-30 p. m. (S. T.)

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. B. CARDMASTER,
General Manager.
Bombay, 9th December, 1944.
(1370)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of three Clerks in the University Office in the scale of Rs. 50-5-115 E.B. 5-140 from undergraduates and graduates with good handwriting and knowledge of typing. Applications written in the candidates' own handwriting should reach the Registrar not later than the 22nd December, 1944. A graduate is started on Rs. 65 in the above grade. The successful applicant will be entitled to a dearness allowance for the duration of the war.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
Registrar,
University of Bombay.
Bombay 11th December, 1944.
(1360)

NOTICE

CINEMA PROJECTOR FOR SALE PORTABLE CINEMA MACHINE, containing 2 Projectors, 1 Amplifier (2 A 3 Push Pull arrangement capacity 15 Watts) Universal U.S.A. Make with 1 converter 1 A.C. 110 Volt 115 Watts Motor and 1 Transformer 1.8 K.V.A. The Machine is open for inspection. Apply to the Controller of the Household, Dhrangadhra State, Dhrangadhra. 1324

ISMAIL YUSUF COLLEGE, JOGESHWARI.

THE ANNUAL FUNCTIONS—(1) Sports contests, (2) Variety Entertainment for Poor Students' Fund and (3) Elocution Competition for the Brabourne Trophy—have been postponed owing to the present difficulties of transport. The dates on which they will be held will be announced later.

M. B. REHMAN,
Principal.
December 8, 1944.
1323

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE FOOD CONTROLLER, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay, invites sealed tenders up to 15 hrs. on 22-12-44, for the supply of pure ghee to be delivered at the Railway's Godowns at Poona and Chalisgaon. Tender schedule and conditions may be obtained free of charge from the office of the Food Controller. 1337

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted on rent a 2,000 to 10,000 square feet compound with at least 500 square feet temporary shed, preferably in Mazagaon, Wadi Bunder, Reay Road, Cotton Green or Sewri area. Commission will be paid to broker. Please write to The Punjab Oil Mills, Shed No. 2, Noor Baug, Bombay 9. 6753

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Aeg German Material assembled six A. C. Table Fans 16" for sale. Send your maximum offers to **Box No. 6799, "Bombay Chronicle."**

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for posts of men and women teachers in the Bombay Municipal Primary Schools, as follows:—

SCHOOLS	MOTHER TONGUE
(1) Municipal Marathi Boys' Schools	Marathi.
(2) Municipal Marathi Girls' Schools.	Marathi.
(3) Municipal Gujarati Boys' Schools.	Gujarati.
(4) Municipal Gujarati Girls' Schools.	Gujarati.
(5) Municipal Urdu Boys' Schools.	Urdu.
(6) Municipal Urdu Girls' Schools.	Urdu.
(7) Municipal Tamil Telegu, & Kanarese Schools.	Tamil, Telegu, Kanarese respectively.
(8) Municipal Hindi Schools.	Hindi.

The applicants should be at least 18 years of age but not over 35 and should have their mother tongue as stated above and should have at least passed the Government Vernacular Final or the Primary School Certificate Examination in any one of the Vernaculars with 55% for the Advanced Class candidates; 50% for the Intermediate Class candidates and 45% for the Scheduled Class candidates. Candidates with recognised Vernacular Training Certificates in any one of the Vernaculars will however be preferred. They should state their age, religion, qualifications and previous experience, if any. The posts are temporary. Candidates selected for the posts will be eligible to the benefits of the Revised Municipal Leave Regulations and Provident Fund Rules. Selected candidates will be posted on Rs. 35|- p. m. plus Rs. 18|- D. A. p. m. (for such period as may be allowed by the Corporation) in the grade of Rs. 35-1-55. Trained Teachers serving in Schools of the Thana and Kolaba School Boards and in the Bombay Suburban District and the Bandra Municipality need not apply.

Printed forms of applications can be had from the Head Clerks of the Marathi, Gujarati and Urdu Sections of this Office on payment of one anna, or if asked by post on payment of nine pies in addition to cover the postage charges. The applications should be addressed to the undersigned and should be sent so as to reach her on or before the 20th December 1944.

K. KHANDWALA,
Secretary, Schools Committee.
The Schools Committee's Office,
Gilder Tank Building, Grant Road,
Bombay, 12th December, 1944. 1367

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Sealdah	Bankura	Manbhoom	Charali
Howrah	Midnapur	Shakchi &	(Darrang)
Shyambazar	Asansol	Jugsalai	Sylhet
Behala	Jalpaiguri	(Jamshedpur)	
Ballygunge	Darjeeling	Hazaribagh	U. P.
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B. B. & C. I. RY.
Grainshop Dept., Bombay.

QUOTATIONS returnable on 18-12-1944 are invited for the supply at Bombay of 15,000 dry cocoanuts.

For particulars, apply at once to the Controller, Grainshops, General Offices, Churchgate, Bombay. (1371)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
Controller of Supplies, (Disposals)
Strand House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

A PUBLIC AUCTION SALE will be held at Salvage Sub-Depot, Nasik Road, for the disposal of Misc., General Stores on 18th December, 1944, commencing at 11 A. M. List of materials to be sold may be obtained wither from the Government Auctioneer Messrs. Esoofally & Co., 3|4 Sadar Bazar, Deolali, or from the Controller of Supplies (Disposals) Bombay.

The terms and conditions of the auction sale will be announced by the Government Auctioneer prior to the auction sale. (1375)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership subsisting between our client SHAH GORDHANDAS MULJI and Mr. MANISHANKER VITHALJI JOSHI in the name, firm and style of Messrs. R. Manilal and Co. at Krishnachandra Bhuvan, Musjid Bunder Road, Bombay, under a Partnership Deed, dated 20th October, 1942, was by mutual consent DISSOLVED as from the Asso Vad Amas, Samvat Year 2000 (17th October, 1944) and that by mutual consent as from the Kartak Sud 1st, Samvat Year 2001 (18th October, 1944) the said firm of Messrs. R. Manilal & Co. with the goodwill thereof has been taken over by our client Shah Gordhandas Mulji and he is now the sole proprietor of the said firm of Messrs. R. Manilal & Co.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1944.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Attorneys for Shah Gordhandas Mulji.
Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street,
Fort, Bombay. 1357

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
Office of the Controller of Supplies, (Disposals Branch), Bombay.
TENDER NOTICE

1. Tenders are invited for the purchase and removal of three Capstan Machines (damaged) lying at the I.E.S.T.D., Kurla.
2. Intending purchasers should satisfy themselves fully regarding the condition of the store before submitting their quotations.
3. Tenders should be submitted by the intending purchasers on their own forms and should reach the Controller of Supplies, (Disposals), Strand House, Ballard Estate, Bombay in sealed cover superscribed "TENDER NO. CS/MPD-1861|44 for the purchase of Capstan Machines", not later than 4 P. M. on 22-12-1944.
4. The stores can be viewed at site by previous appointment with the officer-in-Charge, I.E.S.T.D., Kurla. (1358)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. PURSHOTAM RAMCHANDRA BHOJNE, Bai TARABAI, wife of Purshotam Ramchandra Bhojne and Mr. JANARDAN RAMKRISHNA DOLAS, the Trustees of the Deed of Settlement, dated 19th December, 1913, have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim to or upon or interest in the said property by way of mortgage, charge, inheritance, lease, sale, gift, lien or otherwise, howsoever, are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived and the purchase will be completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of land with messuage, tenement or dwelling house thereon at Shamset Street in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing One Hundred and Forty-five Square Yards or thereabouts and according to Survey Register 120 Square Yards registered by the Collector of Land Revenue formerly under Old No. 278, New No. 1921 New Survey No. 7548 and now under No. 2537, Laughton's Survey No. part of 1939 Cadastral Survey No. 1238, Bhuleshwar Division and by the Municipality under C Ward No. 598 (3), Street No. 81, New Street Nos. 3-5.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1944.

PAYNE & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
1362

NOTICE.

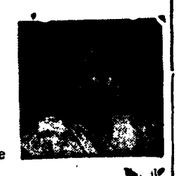
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KHATRI NOORMAHOMED ADAM has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim on the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, are requested to make the same known to us in our Office at 139, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed, without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Quit and Ground rent tenure with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the East side of Masjid Cross Lane in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the City and Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 95 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 146, New No. 7466, Old Survey No. 1543, New Survey No. 982, Cadastral Survey No. 3413 of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under (5), C Ward No. 6402 and Old Street Nos. 45-47 and New Street No. 1 and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by a Sweeper's passage, on or towards the West by the said Musjid Cross Lane, on or towards the North by the property now of late of Haji Miya Pathan and on or towards the South by the property of Ahmed Miran Dadasaheb.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1944.

BENJAMIN CHHATRAPATI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(1368)



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have been instructed by our client Messrs. MUZELLE MENAHEM HAEEMS and MENAHEM MENASSEH HAEEMS to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any right or claim against the property whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at their Office at Cama Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

All that piece or parcel of land, situated on Plot No. 5, Rebello Road, known as Star Chambers, Bandra, in the Revenue Village of Bandra, South Salsette Taluka, Bombay Suburban District, Registration Sub-District Bandra, Registration District Bombay Suburban measuring about 500 square yards and forming portion of Survey No. 297, Hissa No. 1 (part) and Survey No. 299, Hissa No. 2 (part) Non-Agricultural No. 568 of Bandra.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1944.

HIRALAL M. MEHTA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(1361)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1818 of 1931.

RAI SAHEB GOPILAL alias GOPIKISSON GHASIRAM ..... Plaintiff.
vs.
KALURAM JASRAJ and others ..... Defendants.
and
BANKATLAL GOPIKISSON ..... Applicant
To
GANESHMAL BHURMAL, and RAWATMAL JASRAJ.
The 2nd and 4th defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby required under O.XXI, r.22, of the Code of Civil Procedure to appear in person or by Advocate (O. S.) or Attorney of this Court before the Sitting Judge in Chambers on the 12th day of January, 1945, at 11 O'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why the Decree pronounced against you on the 13th day of April 1932 in the above suit should not be executed against you.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1944.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR.
The 5th day of May, 1944.
Messrs. MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Attorneys for the Applicant.
(1372)

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On view.

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Under instructions from G. I. P. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways, Act of 1890 M|s. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on Thursday the 28th December 1944, at 12 noon (N. S. T.) at the above place unclaimed goods including: Bags of G. N. Seeds, Cotton Seed, Castor Seed, Hirda, Chillies, Moong, Turmeric, Moth, Toor, Gunny, Jagree, Soda Ash, Lime, Medicine, Coffee, Planks, Slates, Locks, C. Drug, Bundles of Brooms, Coir Ropes, Empty Tins, Cases of Tea, Shoes, Chappals, Cycle Parts, H. H. Effects, Soap, Tins of Rosewater, Ghee, Oil, E. I. Casks, Barrels of Coal Tar Paint, Lot of Condemned Tarpaulins, etc. etc.

Terms—Full amount of 50 per cent deposit and balance to be paid and delivery is to be taken on or before 7-1-1945.

BENNETT & CO.

SALE by order of Messrs. Gagrat & Co., Attorneys for the Executors of the estate of the late Bai Awabai Nassarwanji Bottlewalla of Household furniture and domestic articles will take place TODAY at 3 P. M. at their sale room as previously advertised.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
Auctioneers.
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

AUCTION SALE BY ORDER of the Consignees of a Consignment of Genuine Persian and Bokhara Carpets of different sizes and designs, on THURSDAY, 14th December, 1944 at 4-0 P. M. (N. S. T.) at our rooms, at 122 Apollo St., Fort, on view.

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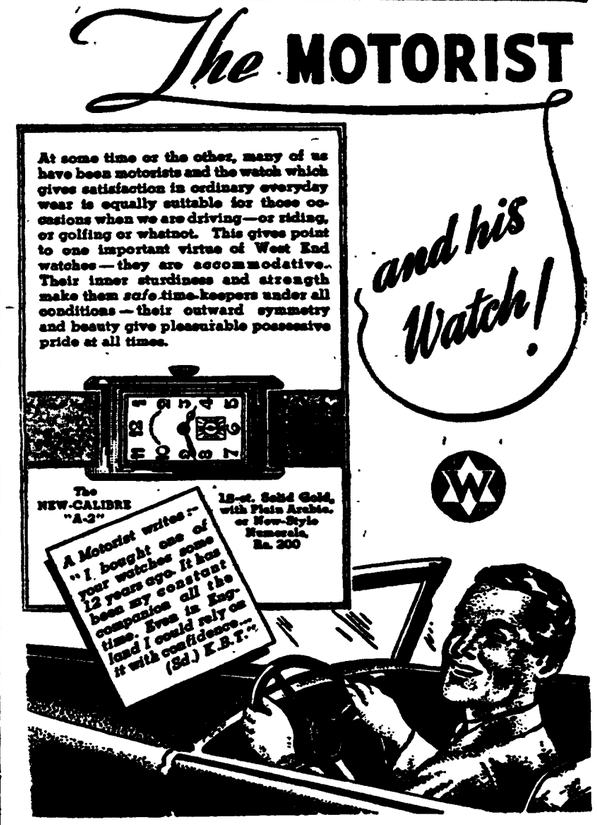
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